

Transmittal Letter to the United States  
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Attorney's Docket No. : 377/9-2080  
 U.S. Application No. : To be assigned **101533273**  
 Filed : Herewith - 28 April 2005  
 Applicant(s) : Lorenzo MALDINA, et al  
 International Application No. : PCT/IB2003/004772  
 International Filing Date : 28 October 2003  
 Priority Date Claimed : 30 October 2002 (BO2002 A 000679).  
 Title of Invention : **A UNIT FOR TRANSFERRING AND SPACING ARTICLES**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office-(DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

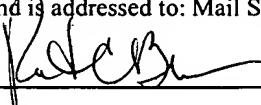
- 1. X This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2.    This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3.    This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4. X The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
- 5. X A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
  - a)    is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b) X has been transmitted by the International Bureau
  - c)    is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6.    A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
- 7. X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
  - a)    are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b) X have been transmitted by the International Bureau
  - c)    have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d)    have not been made and will not be made
- 8.    A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
- 9.    An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]
- 10.    A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

Items 11. to 17. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11.    An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 ( docs.)
- 12.    An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1595) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 are included.
- 13.    A **FIRST** preliminary amendment
- 14. X An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76
- 15.    **THE APPLICANT AND/OR ASSIGNEE, IF ANY, HEREBY CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.**
- 16.    A power of attorney and/or change of address letter
- 17. X (other items or information) **A clean copy of the application as amended; PCT Pub. No WO 2004/039707**

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
Date: 28 April 2005

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18.  The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]:

CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY

Basic National Fee.....	\$300.00	300.00	
Examination fee:			
International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$100.00	200.00	
All other situations.....	\$200.00		
Search Fee:			
Search Fee paid to the USPTO.....	\$100.00		
International Search Report Prepared and provided to the Office.....	\$400.00	500.00	
All other situations.....	\$500.00		
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT:		\$1000.00	
Claims Number filed      Number extra      Rate			
Total Claims      -20=      x      \$ 50. =			
Indep. Claims      -03=      x      \$ 200 =		\$ .00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)	+ \$360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:		\$ 1000.00	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 pages-\$250 for each additional 50 sheets of papers or fraction thereof.		\$0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)]		\$0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:		\$ 1000.00	
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. [Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28]		\$	
SUBTOTAL:		\$ .00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)]			
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE:		\$ 1000.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31]. \$ 40.00 per property +		\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:		\$ 1000.00	
Amount to be refunded		\$	
Amount to be charged		\$	

A check in the amount of **\$1000.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deposit account any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 04-0838. A duplicate of this form is enclosed.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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